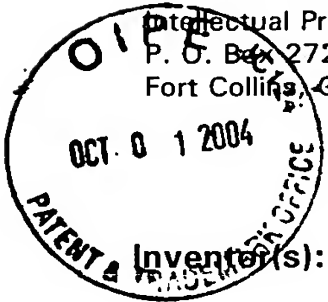


HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY  
Intellectual Property Administration  
P. O. Box 272400  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80527-2400



PATENT APPLICATION *3627*

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10004991-1 *IFW*

IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): Thomas D. Benson

Confirmation No.: 8164

Application No.: 10/004,296

Examiner: FISCHETTI, J. A.

Filing Date: Oct. 31, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3627

Title: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR AND METHOD OF INVENTORY MANAGEMENT CONTROL

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- ( ) under 37 CFR 1.97(b), or  
(Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of national application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last)
- (X) under 37 CFR 1.97 (c) together with either a:  
(X) Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e), or  
( ) a \$180.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p), or  
(After the CFR 1.97 (b) time period, but before final action or notice of allowance, whichever occurs first)
- ( ) under 37 CFR 1.97 (d) together with a:  
( ) Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1) or (2), and  
( ) a \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).  
(Filed after final action, a notice of allowance, on or before payment of the issue fee)

Please charge to Deposit Account **08-2025** the sum of \$0.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **08-2025** pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

(X) Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449 - Information Disclosure Statement together with any required copies of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

(X) A concise explanation of the relevance of foreign language patents, foreign language publications and other foreign language information listed on PTO Form 1449, as presently understood by the individuals(s) designated in 37 CFR 1.56 (c) most knowledgeable about the content is given on the attached sheet, or where a foreign language patent is cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is listed on form PTO 1449 and is enclosed herewith.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

(X) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Date of Deposit: Sep. 29, 2004

OR

( ) I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office facsimile number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of pages: \_\_\_\_\_

Typed Name: Rhyllis Ewing

Signature: *Rhyllis Ewing*

Respectfully submitted,

*Thomas D. Benson*  
Thomas D. Benson

By \_\_\_\_\_

*Michael A. Papalas*  
Michael A. Papalas

Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

Reg. No. **40,381**

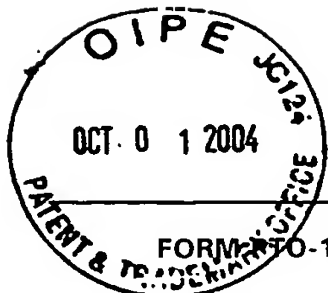
Date: **Sep. 29, 2004**

Telephone No.: **(214) 855-8186**

A circular stamp from the Office of Intellectual Property (OIP). The text "OIP" is at the top, "JG12" is at the top right, "OCT. 01 2004" is in the center, and "PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE" is at the bottom.

**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 10004991-1**

## Rev 05/04 (Stat197e)

**PATENT APPLICATION**

Sheet 1 of 1

FORM PTO-1449

**LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR  
APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT**

(Use several sheets if necessary)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

10004991-1

APPLICATION NO.

10/004,296

CONFIRMATION NO.

3627

APPLICANT

Thomas D. Benson

FILING DATE

Oct. 31, 2001

GROUP

3627

**REFERENCE DESIGNATION****U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	NAME	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Figures Appear
	1A	5,204,821	Apr. 20, 1993	Inui et al.	
	1B				
	1C				
	1D				
	1E				
	1F				
	1G				
	1H				
	1I				
	1J				
	1K				

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	NAME OF PATENTEE OR APPLICANT	Pages/Columns/Lines Where Relevant Passages/Figures Appear	Check if Translation attached
	1L	WO 96/29578	Sep. 26, 1996	Hercules Inc.		
	1M	WO 99/15990	Apr. 1, 1999	ANDERSON, M. R.		
	1N					
	1O					
	1P					

**OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)**

	1Q	BANG, D. M., et al., "SYNCHRONIZING MANUFACTURING AND MATERIALS FLOW," IEEE/CHMT '90 IEMT Symposium, pp. 252-255.
	1R	Foreign Search Report issued for FR 0213583, dated July 12, 2004.
	1S	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED